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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner		**Art Unit**		
	Patricia L. Nordmeyer		1772		

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE $\underline{1}$ MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.
- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>05 June 2002</u> .

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) <u>14-26</u> is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☒ Claim(s) <u>14-26</u> are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11)☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a)☐ approved b)☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

    If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

        1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

        2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .

        3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

    a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ .

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ .   6) ☐ Other: .

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1.   Newly submitted claims 14 - 26 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct

from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: the new claims are directed

towards a method of manufacturing a retro-reflecting shell.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented

invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution

on the merits. Accordingly, claims 14 - 26 withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a

non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

2.   The amendment filed on June 5, 2002 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention

and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03).

The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the new limitations in

the claims refer to a method of manufacturing instead of the placing limitations on the previously

presented article.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply,

applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is

longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in

order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR

1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Patricia L. Nordmeyer whose telephone number is (703) 306-

5480. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. from 7:00 -4:30 p.m. and alternate

Fri..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Harold Y. Pyon can be reached on (703) 308-4251. The fax phone numbers for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9310 for regular

communications and (703) 872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding

should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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Examiner
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July 17, 2002

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